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FOR AMBASSADORS STRAUSS AND WOLFF FROM MCDONALD

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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR THE MTN FALL SCHEDULE

1. LONG AND PATTERSON HAVE ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION THAT THEY ORGANIZE INFORMAL SESSIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO DEVELOP AN AGREED WORK PLAN FOR FALL IF POSSIBLE. AS WE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA AND BONN, WE MUST MINIMIZE ANY LOSS OF TIME WHEN DELEGATIONS RETURN FROM HOLIDAY AND ARE, THEREFORE, MOVING TO SCHEDULE WORK AND MEETINGS NOW FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. IN VIEW OF THE NEGATIVE REACTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT ONLY AMONG DC'S, WE ARE SEEKING TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CLOSE-OUT PHASE OF THE TOKYO ROUND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

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2. DG LONG PLANS TO CONVENE A MEETING OF DC COUNTRIES ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 26. DG WILL THEN MEET PRIVATELY WITH LEADING LDC REPRESENTATIVES AFTERNOON OF JULY 26. MORNING OF JULY 27, DG WILL ASK BIG 4 DC'S TO MEET WITH HIM AND SMALL NUMBER OF LEADING LDC'S, AND EITHER THAT AFTERNOON OR ON JULY 28 DG WILL CONVENE A LARGE MEETING OF 7 PLUS 7.

3. WE INTEND TO PUSH FOR SCHEDULING OF FORMAL MEETINGS OF GROUPS/SUB-GROUPS BEGINNING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH MID-OCTOBER. WHILE THE REAL WORK WILL, AS IN THE PAST, HAVE TO BE DONE OUTSIDE THE LARGE FORMAL MEETINGS, THERE IS POLITICALLY NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HAVE THE GROUPS MEET FORMALLY BECAUSE LDC'S CLAIM THEY ARE EXCLUDED WHEN ONLY THE 7 PLUS 7 MECHANISM IS USED TO REACH THE MORE ACTIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. WE ARE STRESSING THE MANDATE KEY DC'S NOW HAVE FROM BONN SUMMIT TO CONCLUDE DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS BY DECEMBER 15; WITH MINIMUM TECHNICAL LEAD TIME NECESSARY TO DRAW UP SCHEDULES OF CONCESSIONS, THIS MEANS, FOR US AT LEAST, WE MUST HAVE DETAILS IN PLACE BY MID-OCTOBER. WE INTEND TO PUT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON NOTICE, IN AS FRIENDLY BUT FRANK MANNER AS POSSIBLE, THAT WE REMAIN OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM IN EARLY FALL; AFTER ABOUT MID-OCTOBER BILATERALS MUST ESSENTIALLY BE COMPLETED SINCE MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION WILL BEGIN BEING REDEPLOYED TO CLOSE-OUT TASKS AND PREPARATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF TOKYO ROUND RESULTS.
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